

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0101119 ("Parsons").

Applicants respectfully point out that the cited reference, Parsons, is the very subject application of the present office action. Clearly, under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) Parsons may not be used as a basis to reject the claims contained therein, and the present rejection is improper. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office Action be withdrawn and allowance of the claims be allowed.

Applicants also point out that they tried several times to contact the Examiner to address this unusual rejection but all telephone numbers provided in the Office Action were inoperable. Please provide the appropriate examiner contact information.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response other than as reflected on the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time Transmittal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. SSBI-P01-003 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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